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One (1) U.S. patent and seven (7) foreign patent documents are listed on the attached one (1) sheet of Form PTO/SB/08A which is made a part hereof. A copy of each is enclosed. Also enclosed, but not listed on the form, is a copy of a search report from the German Patent Office on German application 199 51 477.1, on which this US application claims priority.

The German search report is in the German language, but it uses the international conventions for citation of prior art, so it is clear from the report that the only "novelty" reference is Applicants' Reference AB, which is a PCT publication to Despres, et al., which is in English. The German search report cites the other references as the basis for "obviousness" rejections.

Of the remaining references, several are in English already. It would appear that Applicants' Reference AF may exist in translation into English, since it is based on an EPO application. The undersigned will attempt to locate an English translation of any of the references not already in English.

The foregoing Information Disclosure Statement is based upon the information known to the inventor or contained in the undersigned attorney's file as of the filing date of this statement and is inclusive of the best information known to each of the undersigned at that date. Prompt consideration of the Information Disclosure Statement and the references by the Examiner is earnestly requested.

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